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SUBJECT: DRC: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON AMIS REHAT

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1. (SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarche and talking points January 6 to Jacques Djoli, the new chief of staff at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Djoli said the crisis in Darfur required continued attention and security assistance from the African Union and other interested parties.

2. (SBU) Djoli also said he recognized the AU has an important role to play in providing stability on the continent and needed any assistance that could be given. To that end, Djoli said the GDRC would support the idea of rehatting AMIS under the UN. He added that the GDRC welcomed the forthcoming U.S. presidency of the UNSC and looked forward to seeing this proposal moving forward and being approved. Djoli added that, given the increasing power and influence of the AU, the GDRC should consider paying its dues (both past and current) to the organization.

3. (SBU) PolOff and Djoli also spoke about possible NATO assistance for AMIS. Djoli offered that NATO had greatly expanded its operations and role since the end of the Cold War, but did not explicitly endorse or reject the idea.

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